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RULAND (ROWLAND) FAMILY

By Dr. John Ruland, son of
Obadiah - with the genealogy
of Obadiah Ruland of Long Island.

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ORIGIN AND DERIVATION OF THE NAME "ROLAND."

This name is of Saxon or other Germanic origin, "Ru," or "Rhu," or "Rhuo," convertible into "ro," as in Roland, Roldoph and many other forms, being frequently found in mediaeval histories, songs and romances of the Germans and Eastern Franks. The terminal syllable, "land," is a Saxon word as in England, Scotland, etc. It means a clear place, as a lawn, a lay or spread. The name in the form Roland occurs as early as the seventh century, having been assigned by poets and harpers to no less a personage than the nephew of Charlemagne (Charles the Great, emperor of Germany and king of the Franks.) This nephew Roland is celebrated by nearly all the poets of the middle ages, as the greatest of the twelve paladins or peers of the emperor, and was spelled in the old High German, Roland, Rhodland, Rruodlant, Ruadland, Ruoland and Ruland, according to the dialect of the province in which the name was used. Among the Franks the name assumed various other forms as Chrodoland, Ruhlant, etc., etc. The prefix "Ru" or "Ruh" means, renowned, powerful, or of great reputation.

NATIONALITY.

The Celts, one of the earlier, if not the earliest tribe inhabiting England, or Britain, as it was then called by the Romans, were according to historians, a people originally of Central Asia. In the sixth century, after the withdrawal of the Roman legions from Britain, the Angles from the upper Elbe, and the Saxons, from the lower Elbe, in Germany, kindred and confederate tribes, invaded the island and soon subjugated it. From the Angles it soon took the name of Angle-land, and by corruption or change became Engle-land, hence by shortening England, i.e. land of the Angles. The name Ruland being of the Anglo-Saxon and originating in ancient Germany, and those tribes forming nearly the entire population of England, sufficiently fixes the nationality of the American family tradition to assist materially in forming the above conclusion.

EXPLANATION.

The figure enclosed in parentheses at the right of a name denotes the number of generations in descent from Obadiah, he being Obadiah (1), his children being (2), as Obadiah (2). The abbreviations used are "b." for born, "d." for died, "m." for married, "l'd" for lived, "l's" for lives, "Ch'n" for children and "abt." for about. I have adopted the spelling of names as found in the records.

CENEALOGY OF THE DESCENDANTS OF OBADIAH HULAND OF LONG ISLAND.

Relying on tradition, one or more persons of the name of Huland emigrated from England to New England about 1650, of whom Israel, Benjamin, Joseph, Obadiah, and others were probably direct descendants. The Huland families of which the writer is known to be a member can be readily traced back to the early settlement of Long Island. They were citizens of Suffolk county (then the East Riding of Yorkshire.) The earliest settlements were made in 1637 on Gardner's Island. The town of Huntington, L. I., was settled in 1653 by English emigrants from New England. At about the same time a company from Sandwich, Massachusetts, settled on the north-east coast of the island. The county was named from Suffolk, England, from whence came the early emigrants to Massachusetts. The above, Obadiah (1), was born about 1735 in the eastern part of Long Island and settled at Comac (post-office, Commack) and married; name of wife or date of marriage unknown.

1. OBADIAH'S (1) children were: **1813509**

2. OBADIAH (2), b. 4 July, 1769, at Comac; m. in 1799, Mary, dau. of Richard Shelmidine, an emigrant from England, whose wife's name was Kniskern; she, b. in Schenarie county, 8 July, 1782. He d. at Jefferson, N.Y., 2 May, 1844; she d. at same place 4 April, 1867. They settled at Jefferson in that county, near which place they traveled peacefully life's toilsome journey, and at the waning of life's lamp the star of faith in the near dawn of a brighter day illumined their pathway, and at the close death was peaceful and the beginning of an eternal rest. They had 11 children that lived to mature years; one named David, and next in order of age to Joel B. d. aged 2 years, and one male infant who d. soon. Their ch'n were all born at Jefferson, New York, and were as follows:

3. SARAH (3), b. 15 Jan., 1801, m. Alena Bond of Long Island in 1820; she b. 4 May 1804, and d. at Catskill, 7 Jan., 1869. Their ch'n were:

Dora (4), b. 11 Nov., 1821.

Online (4), b. 22 July, 1827; m. Charles Buller of Stamford.

Mary (4), b. 10 Feb., 1830; m. 22 Oct, 1843, William C.

Hiblett of New York city.

Orrin (4), b. 18 April, 1832; m. Clinene Hubbard.

Harriet (4), b. 26 May, 1838; m. 1 Jan., 1865, Sylvester Vanhn.

Alanson (4), b. 25 Nov. 1840; m. Sarah Becker.

Jacob (4), b. 16 Nov., 1842; m. Helen Gregory of Stamford; she d. 1, Nov., 1872.

Oscar (4), b. 14 Feb., 1845; m. Rachel Richards of Hudson, 5 Sept., 1872.

Barnett, Jr., (4), b. 2 March, 1842; d. 2 Sept. 1864.

After Alena, wife of Barnett (3), d. no married record.

Elizabeth (dau. of Brooklyn, in March 1869; she d. Oct., 1861, in Brooklyn.

Barnett (3) was early a member of the F.M. church, was a licensed exhorter, engaged extensively and successfully in business,



resides at Catskill, New York, and at his advanced age is hale and healthy.

4. SOPHIA (3), b. in Jefferson, Schoharie county, New York, Nov. 1802; m. Jeremiah Pickett, same place, 1824; they had: Morinda (4), b. 10 Oct., 1825; m. Austin Wilder; d. Aug. 1866.

Dillissa (4), b. 19 Feb., 1829; m. George Mattice of Schoharie county, N.Y., 7 Sept. 1848, and now resides in Oneonta, N.Y.

Rosetta (4), b. 27 March, 1830; m. Truman Puck of Jefferson, N. Y., Oct. 1864, and now resides there.

Aaron (4), b. 3 April, 1831; m. Martha Hubbard of Windham, N. Y. 10 Nov., 1856; he d. 23 March, 1877.

Obadiah (4), b. 1 April, 1832; d. 25 March, 1837.

Arthur (4), b. 19 Nov., 1834; d. 24 March, 1849.

Orrin (4), b. 1835; d. March 20, 1837.

Jasper (4), b. 10 Sept. 1839; m. Maddy Thomas, 6 Feb., 1866; resides at Jefferson.

Sally A. (4), b. 29 Nov., 1841; m. Orrin B. Ireland of East Worcester, 25 Oct. 1862, and still resides there.

Sophia (3) d. 29 Nov. 1850, at Jefferson; her husband d. 28 Aug., 1875, at the same place.

The writer takes pleasure in, and the liberty of referring unsolicited to an individual whose name appears in this record. The person of whom the writer here makes mention is George Mattice, husband of Dillissa (4), of the vic at family. He was born in Broome, now Gilboa, Schoharie County, N.Y., March 18, 1814. His mother dying while he was young, and his father marrying a second wife and they having a family, so complicated affairs that he thought best to leave home and launch out on life's sea and risk its chances. He succeeded by persistent effort in procuring a liberal education, and as a teacher was successful. By teaching and farming (on hire) alternately, he made life a financial success. He held the office of town superintendent of schools, and was elected supervisor of the town of Jefferson successively for several terms. He is a man of strong mathematical faculties, and qualified to express his ideas relating to any subject with which he is familiar, with precision and clearness. He has two children, a son, Burr Mattice, who chose the law as a profession, is admitted and is practicing in all the courts of record in the state of New York, and a daughter who married a respectable citizen—a farmer of intelligence and worth.

5. JEREMIAH (3), b. 25 Jan., 1805; m. April, 1827, *Roswell B. Reynolds of Jefferson, Schoharie county, N.Y., and had Ch'n as follows b. there:

Joseph (4), b. 1828; d. 1829.

Jeremiah (4), b. 1829; d. 1834.

Mary (4), b. 9 June, 1831; m. Reuben Franklin of Jefferson.

*Roswell B. Reynolds, b. 17, April, 1799, at Cambridge, Washington county, N.Y., was of mixed English and Irish stock, and d. at Jefferson, N.Y., Feb. 26, 1880. His father was named Joseph, and was a descendant of one of the brothers who came, about 1700, from Ireland. His mother's name was Elizabeth Brock, of Bennington, Vermont.



Elizabeth (4), b. Feb., 1833; d. 1835.
 Louisa (4), b. 3 Sept., 1834; m. William Curtiss of Hohenheim,
 7 Jan., 1857; he d. at Oneonta, 19 July, 1863.
 Jennette (4), b. 24 Jan., 1837; married Wesley Safford of
 Hohenheim.
 Marvin (4), b. 1 Feb., 1839; m. Rheta Lakin of Hancock,
 Delaware county.
 George (4), b. 26 Sept., 1841; m. Anne E. Francisco of
 Walton; he d. at Oneonta 3 June, 1869.
 Leuten (4), b. 26 Feb. 1843; m. Pollyette Scrunds, 1 Feb.,
 1863; she, only daughter of Nathaniel Scrunds of Oneonta,
 New York.

The writer takes the liberty of referring to Reuben Reynolds
 (4), whose name appears in this record. His advantages in early life
 were not of the best, but being high minded and having the necessary
 pride, he made persistent efforts, and procured a liberal education.
 He sought honorable employment, teaching, etc., and engaged ex-
 tensively in trade, dealing largely in real estate. His parents
 relied upon him during their declining years for necessary care,
 which he cheerfully bestowed, and supplied every want, although the
 other members of the family treated the parents with all care and
 kindness. He resides at Oneonta, N.Y., has an interesting family, a
 large wholesale and retail business, and has accumulated a large
 estate.

There are many other persons of the several families recorded
 who are very worthy of note, but time and space prohibit further
 mention.

6. CATHERINE (3), b. 1 Dec., 1806; m. 26 June, 1830, Henry
 Gardner, of Oil Creek, Pa.; he b. 20 Jan., 1810. Their ch'n were:
 Liantha (4), b. 16 June, 1831, at Oil Creek; m. 8 May, 1850,
 David Lawrence of Jefferson, Chenango county, N.Y.

Joel B. (4), b. 1844; d. in infancy.

Richard Lorin (4), b. 14 Aug., 1847; m. Nov., 1871, Liza
 White.

Joel E., son of Volsey Thelridine; b. 10 Sept., 1845, was
 adopted and took the family name. He m. Laura A. Smith
 of Jamestown, N.Y.

Catherine (3), d. 26 Dec. 1870, at Farmington, Pa. Her
 husband d. 10 May, 1872, at the same place.

7. BRISLY (3), b. 25 Aug., 1808; m. 6 Nov., 1829, Orrin
 Rickett; he b. 30 May, 1806. Their ch'n were:

Lyle Ann (4), b. 26 July, 1831; d. 10 July, 1852.

Sarah Maria (4), b. 3 May, 1833; m. Thomas J. Hendr; of
 Jefferson, N.Y., 21 April 1852.

Jesse E. (4), b. 2 March, 1836; m. Gertrude S. Couch, 25 Aug.,
 1861; she, daughter of Johnsen Church, of Huntsburg,
 Geauga county, Ohio.

Mary Adell (4), b. 14 Jan., 1839; first married Henry C.
 Lyon, 5 Feb., 1864, and second Samuel L. Hatch 5 Feb.,
 1868.

Henry Gardner (4), b. 11 Sept. 1842; m. Lottie Loom 3 June,
 1872.

Jerome (4), b. 28 Feb. 1845; m. Mable Loom 4 Nov. 1869.

Jason W. (4), b. 20 Oct. 1846; m. Susan M. Lintotum 12 Dec.,
 1872.



Petsey Love (4), b. 23 Feb., 1851; m. George Lord 5 Dec., 1867.

Petsey (3), d. at Jefferson, N.Y., 6 April, 1891; her husband d. 1 Jan., 1871, near Fairville, Ohio.

8. JEREMIAH (3) b. 9 Nov., 1810; m. 3 Oct., 1823, Sarah M. Brown of Harpersfield; she b. in Lewis & Clark county, N.Y. 4 Dec., 1810. Their children were all b. in Jefferson.

Almoner L. (4), b. 24 May, 1825; d. 3 Sept., 1840.

Sylvester H. (4), b. 31 March, 1827; m. Ella C. Prince of Seneca Co. N.Y.

Cecelia A. (4), b. 9 Dec., 1829; m. 12 July, 1865, Julius D. Angleton, of Jefferson.

Jeremiah (3), is a Methodist clergyman and resides at Sidney Plains, Delaware county, N.Y.

9. RICHARD (3), b. 3 Nov., 1812; m. 6 June, 1840, Sarah J. Burgess; she b. 20 March, 1811. Their children b. at Gallopville, N.Y.

Louisa Augusta (4), b. 29 Jan. 1841; d. 23 Oct., 1842.

Kenneth A. (4), b. 10 March, 1843; d. 28 Sept., 1860.

Lorin D. (4), b. 26 Aug., 1844; m. Alice Brown of Nineven

Anna Louise (4), b. 23 Sept., 1851; m. L. J. Stever 1 Dec., 1869.

Richard (3) left his parental home in early years, trusting in Providence for life and wealth; moved steadily and perseveringly upon life's turbulent sea and accumulated a competence (more than which no man can enjoy.) He now resides at Oneonta, Otsego county, N.Y., having retired from active business life.

10. OBADIAH (3) b. at Jefferson, Schoharie county, N.Y., 22 Sept., 1814; m. Polly d. Fuller of same place June 16, 1834. They had:

Martina A. (4), b. 3 May 1835.

Sally A. b. 18 Dec., 1844; m. J. Fred Tilton 24 Aug., 1870.

Lemira A. (4), b. 15 March 1846.

Willard H. (4), b. 18 May, 1851; m. Liza J. Church of Sidney Plains, N.Y., 20 May 1873.

Polly, wife of Obadiah (3), d. 27 June 1867. He married for second wife Elizabeth (Dunfords) Myers 27 Sept. 1876.

Obadiah (3) left home while young and with much fortitude has met the trials incident to the life of mortal man, made life a success, and by his benefactions will long be remembered by his many friends.

11. JOEL B. (3), born in Jefferson, Schoharie county, N.Y., 5 April, 1817; m. Melissa V. Belter of Minerva, same county, 30 April 1850; she b. 12 Nov., 1827; and by her had Amanzo (4), b. 27 May, 1851; m. Jennie F. Constock 12 Sept., 1877.

George (4), b. 13 Jan., 1854; m. Lellie Wedge 17 April, 1879.

Helvin J. (4), b. 10 Oct., 1856; m. Maggie Goodbelter 2 Feb., 1880.

Hattie (4), b. 12 June, 1858; m. Stephen D. Finkle 10 Sept., 1879.

Matthew (4), b. 20 May, 1860.

Mary (4), b. 5 Dec., 1861.

Henry (4), b. 17 Sept. 1863; d. 29 Feb. 1880.



Perry (4), b. 18 April, 1865.

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Grant (4), b. 1 Nov., 1868.

Addie (4), b. at Afton 20 March, 1871.

All except last named b. at Jefferson. Wife Melissa d. 21 March, 1877, at Afton, N.Y.; he m. second Margaret L. Thomas, and d. at Afton 11 July, 1883.

Joel B. (3) was an extensive and successful farmer in Jefferson, Schoharie county, N.Y.; moved to Afton, Chenango county, N.Y., about 1870, where he died leaving a large estate.

12. MARY (3), b. 11 June, 1821; m. 15 Jan., 1851, Jeremiah Grant of Stamford, Delaware county, N.Y.; he b. 13 Oct. 1826. Their ch'n were:

Viola (4) b. 4 Nov., 1857; m. Herbert D. Vaughn 13 Oct., 1876; he son of Herman Vaughn of Jefferson.

Roscoe Wilbur (4), b. 20 Feb., 1862.

Both of the above born at Jefferson, N.Y.

13. JOHN (3), b. 1 March, 1823; m. Lourens Waynem, daughter of John Waynem of Glenheim, Schoharie county, N.Y., 4 Aug., 1853; she b. April 23, 1828.

Their only child:

Don Stephen (4), b. 11 July, 1866, at Richmondville, Schoharie county, N.Y.

John (3), the writer, has been a practicing physician, but is now a druggist and merchant at Oneonta, N.Y. He was a graduate of Castleton Medical college in 1854.

14. KATURA (2), b. ab't 1771 at Corrac; m. Doxy Bond of same place ab't 1788; was drowned with a daughter on a vessel on Long Island Sound. Her husband was a descendant of Robert Bond, one of the first three justices of the town of West Hampton, Long Island. They had six ch'n as follows:

Morenda (3), b. 9 Feb., 1789; m. Joel Bishop.

Hannah (3), b. 27 March, 1796; m. Isaac Starkins; he b. 14 April, 1795; d. 4 April, 1865; she d. 17 Nov., 1869.

Perry (3), b. 19 Dec., 1798.

Mary (3), b. 29 Dec., 1800.

Almena (3), b. 4 May, 1804.

Katura (3),

John Cline (3),

15. ALMY (2), b. 1772 at Corrac; m. Dr. George Burton 9 Sept., 1795; she d. 2 April, 1815. Dr. Burton born in England ab't 1763; d. in Chautauque county, N.Y., in 1843. They had:

Henry Miles (3), b. 15 Sept., 1796; d. 5 Dec., 1814.

Sarah Ann (3), b. 9 Sept., 1798; d. 23 March, 1815.

Jeremiah (3), b. 15 March, 1801; d. 17 Aug., 1834.

Matilda Maria (3), b. 25 April, 1804; d. 23 March, 1813.

James Hubbs (3), b. 25 July, 1807; d. 1872.

George Bentley Wilford (3), b. 10 Nov., 1809.

Alira (3), b. 11 Nov., 1812.

Dr. Burton m. second Anna Bradley b. 29 June, 1816, and had son: William Henry (3), b. 16 April, 1817.



16 16. PELTY (2), b. _____ m. _____ Jerome.

17. JEREMIAH (2), b. 1780 at Consec; m. Patience Jerome, she
b. 12 July, 1782. They had:
Eliphus (3) m. L. C. Colburn and had six ch'n of whom I can find
no trace.

Jeremiah (3), m. Abigail Nixon, who d. without issue. He
married second _____ and had six ch'n, and d. in 1879.

Andrew (3), d. 1872, single.

William (3), b. 1817; d. 13 April, 1829.

Roses (3), b. _____; m. Rebecca Franklin.

James L. (3), b. 10 July, 1824; m. Mary Townsend 26 Nov. 1847.

They had:

Helen (4), b. 15 Jan., 1849; m. 9 Dec. 1867, Tracy Marshall.

Hettie (4), b. 25 Dec., 1850; d. 2 Sept. 1870.

Della (4), b. 11 Aug. 1856; m. 11 Aug. 1873; Charles Marshall
of East Avon, N.Y.

Jeremiah (2) settled near Honeoye Falls, Monroe County,
N.Y., abt. 1806; d. at same place 15 June, 1829; his wife d. same
place 17 Oct., 1860.

The ch'n. of Jeremiah (2) were all b. in the town of Rush
Monroe County, N.Y.

Eliphus (3) d. at Gorham, N.Y. Jeremiah (3) and Andrew (3)
d. at Connecticut, Ohio. Kelsey (3) d. in the town of Rush. K. Tara
(3) d. in Monroe County, N.Y., and Esther (3) d. in Kalamazoo,
Michigan. The family record of Jeremiah Ruland (2) was unattainable
at the time of making this record, accounting for its imperfections.

James L. (3), youngest child and son of Jeremiah (2), resides
in the same place in which he was born, and on the farm owned by his
father at his death; has made life a financial success, and at his
advanced age is active, apparently possessing all the mental force of
earlier years.

OTHER RULAND FAMILIES.

The writer takes pleasure in stating that he made the
acquaintance of Frank E. Ruland by a call at his business place with
H. B. Chellin & Co., New York City, and of Manly A. Ruland, at the
office of Ruland & Whitney, in Temple Court, New York City--intelligent,
accomplished and competent business gentlemen--and by acts of
kindness upon their part, was informed that there were families of
that name residing south and west; One near Memphis, Tennessee, one
in St. Louis, Missouri, and one living or having lived in Detroit,
Michigan. Manly A., of the firm referred to, married Jennie,
daughter of Thomas L. Lunte, of Charlottesville, New York, and being of
a family with which the writer is very well acquainted and favorably
impressed. He read from letters received from members of families
related, and residing in Western Tennessee, stating that the
grandfather was from Pennsylvania, etc. There are persons of the
name residing in Pennsylvania, one at West Nicholson, Lycoming County,
Charles C. Ruland, who says, "My father's name was Christopher, and he
was born on Long Island, New York, moved to Dutchess county, New
York, and from there to this place. He had brothers, Thomas, David,
and Carl, and one sister." Samuel Ruland resides at Glenwood,
Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, and as all trace their ancestry



Back to Long Island or Long Island it is quite conclusive that the members of all the American family are related and some of them. The oldest of the New York City, above named, mentioned the name of Rev. Isaac Huland, born about 1655 in the England, Israel Huland, their great grandfather, born about 1745, and Joseph their grandfather, born about 1764, and Emily, their father, born at Seabrook, Long Island, in 1721 who had brothers, Joel, Israel, William, William, and George, and sisters Mary, Abby, and Susan. The first name's sister was by Huland, married Samuel Hart of Cosque, Long Island in 1786. There are records on townships at Cosque as follows: Silvanus, wife of Frederick Huland, died April 26, 1815, aged 54 years, 7 months, and 15 days. Frederick Huland, died Dec. 26, 1824, in his 16th year. Rev. George L. Huland, writing from Greenfield, N.Y., states: "Joseph Huland, my grandfather, was born in Southtown, N.Y., about 1764; his father, as I have been told, was an Irishman, that came from Connecticut to Long Island." The following letter is from Henry C. Huland of East Cobleskill, Schoharie county, N.Y., a most competent and accomplished man and teacher:

East Cobleskill, N.Y. Aug. 5, 1885

Dr. John Huland-----

Dear Sir: Yours of the 31 st ult. is received. I cheerfully submit the following in regard to my genealogy: My father, John Huland's family consisted of five sons and three daughters. The sons were John Huland, Dow, Allen, Benjamin, and myself--Henry Cornelius Huland--the youngest of the family, now 52 years of age. The daughters were Olive, Harriet, and Emily Jane. My father was the son of Benjamin Huland, whose family consisted, so far as I have knowledge, of two sons and one daughter--Nancy Huland, the oldest, Leuter Huland and Abby Huland. Of my grandfather Benjamin Huland's origin I have no positive knowledge. His early residence I do not know. He served his country through the war of the Revolution and became a resident of Westerlo, Albany county, N.Y., and finally with my father at this place till his death. He lived to the age of 96 years. My father was 75 years old at his death.

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